

REMARKS

In light of the following remarks and above amendments, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Amended claims 18, 22-24, 26-28, 30-32, 34-36, 38-40 and 44 are in this application.

At paragraph 5 of the outstanding Office Action of February 25, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 18, 22-24, 26-28, 30-32, 34-36, 38-40 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Further, claims 18, 22-24, 26-28, 30-32, 34-36, 38-40 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner stated that the newly added limitation is not found in the recording apparatus of Fig. 7 and appears to be read on the reproduction apparatus shown in Fig. 12. Furthermore, the Examiner stated that dependent claims 23 and 24 recite a playback management file not found in Fig. 7, but which may be shown in Fig. 12.

Independent claims 18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38 and 44 have been amended herein to describe a recording/reproducing system. As a result, every limitation is believed to be found in the recording/reproducing system of the present invention.

Therefore, independent claims 18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38 and 44 are believed to overcome the 112 first and second paragraph rejections applied by the Examiner.

Claims 23, 24, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 39 and 40 depend from one of amended independent claims 18, 22, 26, 30, 34 and 38 and as such are also believed to overcome the 112 first and second paragraph rejections applied by the Examiner.

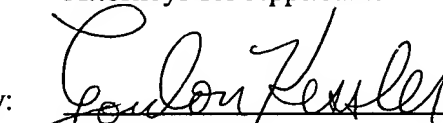
Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 18, 22-24, 26-28, 30-32, 34-36, 38-40 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs be withdrawn.

It is to be appreciated that the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art represent the present opinions of the Applicant's undersigned attorney and, in the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference or references, there is the basis for a contrary view.

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